

December 30, 2013

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

ROBERT E. AUFULDISH, PRESIDENT
JUDY MORAN, COMMISSIONER
DANIEL P. TROY, COMMISSIONER
AMY ELSZASZ, CLERK

JASON W. BOYD, ADMINISTRATOR
LEGAL COUNSEL
JOEL DIMARE, BUDGET DIRECTOR
NEWS MEDIA

(Tape 2013-1230)

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Aufuldish called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., December 30, 2013.

ROLL CALL: Upon the roll being called all were present.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Mr. Evan Morriset, a student from The Ohio State University, stated that he is involved in a shadowing opportunity through the school and he is a Political Science major.

Mr. Ben Troy, stated that he is Commissioner Troy's nephew and he is sitting in on the meeting and is taking notes for a government project for school. He attends Notre Dame Cathedral Latin.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. **RESOLUTION DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR LCDU REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT VARIOUS ACCOUNTS (20131230\U01)(UT-2)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Commissioner Troy reported that this resolution and the next three decrease appropriations. He stated that the permanent budget will be passed at the beginning of the year and if the money is not used then there has to be a decrease. All enterprise funds have to stay within their parameters.

Commissioner Aufuldish reported that the Utilities Department has been careful in hiring and decreased the appropriation authority in salaries by \$225,000.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

2. **RESOLUTION DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR LCDU CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS VARIOUS ACCOUNTS (20131230\U02)(UT-2)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

3. **RESOLUTION DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR LCDU REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT VARIOUS ACCOUNTS (20131230\U03)(UT-2)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

4. **RESOLUTION DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR LCDU SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DISTRICT VARIOUS ACCOUNTS (20131230\U04)(UT-2)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

5. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO COLLABORATE WITH THE LAKE ERIE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LEEDCo) IN THE CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE (20131230\C01)(C-107)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy.

Commissioner Aufuldish replied that three years ago he was appointed as the Lake County representative to LEEDCo whose main goal is to start a wind farm off the shores of Cuyahoga County for cleaner energy. This is a board made up of both public and private members. The public members are Steven Dever Executive Director of the Great Lakes Energy Development Task Force in Cuyahoga County, Jenita McGowan of the City of Cleveland, Lorain County Commissioner Ted Kalo, Ashtabula County Commissioner Daniel Claypool, and Lake County Commissioner Robert Aufuldish. The private sector members are Karen Allport from Nortech, Dr. Lorry Wagner a member of the Great Lakes Energy Development Task Force and wind energy engineer, Steve Coates is the Controller of Greater Cleveland Partnership, Fran DiDonato of the Cleveland Water Alliance, and Ron Richard President and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation. He explained that earlier in the year LEEDCo was one of seven that were awarded a \$4 million grant from the Department of Energy and they are trying for a \$46.7 million grant. Three of the seven final organizations will be successful. The final document is being put together now and a presentation will be made to the Department of Energy on April 7.

Commissioner Troy reported that this resolution authorizes Lake County to collaborate with the LEEDCo energy initiative. Initially his concern was pledging some type of financing that would affect future Board of Commissioners over the next 16 years and binding them to some action. This resolution does not bind future Commissioners to any action. The prosecutor indicated that there is no commitment and a future board of Commissioners can decide otherwise. Commissioner Troy asked if others have adopted similar resolutions?

Commissioner Aufuldish replied that Cuyahoga, Lorain and Ashtabula made commitments and private sector companies such as Ethical Electric, Cleveland Public Power, the Cleveland Sewer District and the Cleveland Clinic are looking at putting a letter of commitment together. They are looking at five years before the wind turbines are operational if the grant is awarded. It was unknown whether Painesville Municipal Electric pledged to use any potential power.

Commissioner Troy explained that this resolution will be included in the LEEDCo grant application and it will indicate Lake County's support for the grant application, but it is not a financial commitment.

The foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

6. **RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,772,421.28 (20131230\BC01)(C-4)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: "AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

7. **RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS AS LISTED ON THE COMMISSIONERS' PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL JOURNAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,019.20 (20131230\BC02)(C-17)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy “NAYS”: None

8. **RESOLUTION INCREASING AND DECREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20131230\BC03)(C-111)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy “NAYS”: None

9. **RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CASH AND APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN VARIOUS GENERAL AND NON-GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS (20131230\BC04)(C-111)**

On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the foregoing resolution was adopted with the vote as follows: “AYES”: Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy “NAYS”: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

UTILITIES - Mr. Al Saari, Sanitary Engineer, reported on the Kirtland Road to King Edward Court Waterline Improvement bid that was open on December 18, 2013. There were four bidders who all came in under the engineer’s estimate of \$565,000. Monte Construction from Kirtland was the low bidder at approximately \$503,000, which is 11% below the estimate and they have done great work in the past.

Commissioner Troy asked how the sanitary sewers handled the recent snow melt and rain? Mr. Saari stated that the Prouty Road lift station went down electronically and the County requested and received notification from the EPA that they were permitted to discharge into a local creek to try to alleviate basements from backing up. There were about ten complaints mostly in Painesville Township, one in Mentor and a few in the Cedar Glen area.

Mr. Matt Armand, Public Service Coordinator of the Utilities Department, stated that he would send a full report to the Commissioners.

Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, reported that manpower was ready to be mobilized and resources ready to be activated if it was needed, and he was in constant communications with the Utility Department. Many pro-active measures were taken.

STORMWATER - none

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - none

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mr. Jason Boyd, County Administrator, reported that he will be reviewing the number of 2013 permits with the building departments and comparing them to 2007 to gauge how the County is doing economically. He indicated that in 2010 there were 230,000 residents of Lake County according to the U.S. Census, which was a 1.1% increase from 2000, but he stated that it is now trending down.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - none

FINANCE - Commissioner Troy asked what will be the final General Fund carry over after paying the bills for 2013?

Mr. Joel DiMare, Budget Director, replied there will be a \$5 million carry over so the County will finish the year better than estimated because of conservative revenue estimates and departments being fiscally prudent.

CLERK - none

LEGAL - none

OLD BUSINESS: - none

NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Troy reported that legislation has been introduced to authorize ten more years of the Ohio Public Works Programs, which was once called Issue 2. It is planned to be on the ballot in the May 2014 primary and he mentioned that many Lake County communities have benefitted from this program. Approval of this issue in the past has authorized \$2 billion for ten year periods.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Aufuldish asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. No one present wished to address the Board.

ADJOURN: On a motion of Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Troy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:24 pm, with the vote as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy "NAYS": None

Minutes approved this ninth day of January, 2014.

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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